

Appl. No. 09/173,864
Amdt. dated October 7, 2003
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is submitted in accordance with the *Revised Amendment Format* as set forth in the Notice provided on the USPTO web site for the Office of Patent Legal Administration; Pre-OG Notices; signed 1/31/03.

Claims 66-76 are pending in the application. Claims 66-69 are allowed. According to the Advisory Action, claims 66-72 would be allowable if submitted in a timely filed amendment, canceling the non-allowable claims (*i.e.*, 73-76). Claims 73-76 have been canceled without prejudice. Entry of the amendment and allowance of claims 66-72 are requested.

Applicants respectfully indicate the amendment is made to expedite allowance and should not be construed as an acquiescence in the rejection. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims 73-76 in a related application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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